

## BESIEGING CROWDS DELAY PAYMENT OF GAS REBATES

**Demands for Money at Once  
Keep Clerks From Work  
of Disbursing.**

### PLAN MISUNDERSTOOD.

**Anxious Consumers Volley  
Their Questions Despite  
Posters and Publication.**

The impatience of gas consumers to recover the money due to them as rebates on their gas bills has greatly retarded the payment of the 20 per cent. accrued during the last three years. The nine offices of the gas companies in which the details of the refund are being arranged were besieged this morning with anxious consumers, who seemed to have the idea that they had to register an early claim in order to get the money held by the companies. All the clerical forces were required to make the besiegers understand that application in person did not hasten payment, but threw out the companies' plans, and took men from the work of preparing the checks and accounts. In every office placards were posted, explaining in various languages that personal appearance was not necessary in order to get the checks, it being only necessary to notify the company of any change of address.

#### Wasting Clerks' Time.

The greatest delays due to the misunderstanding of foreign customers have been in the branches at No. 92 Fifth avenue, Chrystie street and No. 194 Madison avenue. The clerks in these places had to use their entire day trying to make plain to the consumers the fact that there was not necessity for application in person. It is estimated that it will take at least two months and a half to pay off all those consumers who have not moved since the beginning of the litigation. Checks are being mailed to these persons at the rate of nine thousand or more every day. When the current consumers of record and the customers who have moved have been paid, the company will direct its attention to the class known as the pre-payment consumers. In this is included all the slot machine gas users. They will be required to present their receipts for the money taken by the companies' collectors from the machines. Those persons who have lost their bills or receipts or who have any trouble in establishing their identity will get consideration after all other claims have been paid.

## STEEL WAGE CUT NOW PROPOSED ALL ALONG LINE

**Trust Directors to Take Up  
Matter March 30—Some  
Independents Will Wait.**

Employees of the United States Steel Corporation heard to-day that the question of reducing wages all along the line would be considered at a meeting of the Board of Directors at No. 79 Broadway on Tuesday, March 30. Judge Gary, chairman of the Board of Directors, would not talk for publication to-day on the 10 per cent. cut made by the Lackawanna Steel Company, of Buffalo. The Lackawanna is independent of the billion dollar corporation, but is one of the largest plants in the world.

"Everybody interested in the manufacture of steel is waiting for the inauguration to pass and then see what action will be taken by President Taft and Congress on the tariff," said a Wall street steel expert to-day. "There will probably be an awful howl from Buffalo on the wage cut, and Senators and Congressmen will get a line on what their constituents think it would mean if the wage cut is made. The steel industry's pay is cut in other steel mills."

President Corey and the principal officials of the Steel Trust will attend the meeting on the 30th.

A dispatch from Pittsburgh says that the large independent steel manufacturers of a Pittsburgh will not follow the Lackawanna Steel Company in its cut of ten per cent. in wages. R. P. Jones, president of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company, Limited, the largest independent concern in the country, said:

"We have not considered the question of reducing wages. Our further action in this connection will be governed by general business conditions and by the terms of the tariff bill about to be introduced in Congress."

### ACCUSES BOY OF FORGERY.

**Former Employer Causes Arrest of  
Young Joseph Fox.**

On the charge of forgery, Joseph Fox, eighteen years old, who gave his address as No. 99 Hester street, was held by Magistrate Breen in the Tombs Court to-day in \$1,500 bail for examination on next Wednesday. Alexander H. Kridel, of J. Kridel Sons & Co., of No. 45 Greene street, charges that Fox presented to the National Park Bank a check for \$200 payable to bearer and alleged to have been signed by the firm. Fox was an office boy in the Kridel house until two weeks ago. Fox's brother was in court and declared the charge an outrage.

**WHAT'S THE USE?**  
This is the title of the very clever song now being sung by Jack Barrymore at the Broadway Theatre in "A Southern Cinderella." Words and music complete with next Sunday's World.

## EXPLOSION BLOWS HIM FROM LAUNCH

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 3.—James Albert Cathcart, a wealthy Philadelphia and Atlantic City real estate operator, who laid the foundation of his fortune by winning a six-day walking match, years ago, was blown out of his launch by a gasoline explosion which set fire to his handsome boathouse at Venice Park at midnight last night. Friends aroused by the noise rescued the half-conscious man from the water, but were unable to save the marine villa, which was burned to the water's edge. Members of a party of friends who were visiting Cathcart were compelled to flee in disarray and lost all their effects. Cathcart, who was entertaining the

party, had returned from a moonlight boating trip with them and docked his launch in the slip under his boathouse when it was discovered that a member of the party had left a coal in the boat. The coals went back to the launch and lit a match close to the feed pipe carrying kerosene to the engine. A leak in the pipe had allowed the escape of gasoline and the explosion with terrific force. The flash burned off Cathcart's hair and scorched him about the face and arms as he was blown overboard. Boat and cottage burst into flames, and Charles Herold, at the head of a rescue party, reached the scene just in time to pull Cathcart from the water, where he was feebly struggling. While he was being rushed to the hospital, five companies were called, but they were unable to halt the spread of the flames, which licked up the boat and left the handsome new cottage in ruins within a few moments. Cathcart is still in the hospital this morning, but his recovery is assured. Surgeons declare that the force of the explosion blew him out of the fire in time to prevent his inhaling the flames, and probably saving his life.

## QUEEN ALEXANDRA IMPROVES Cold From Which She Suffers Yielding to Treatment.

LONDON, March 3.—The condition of Queen Alexandra shows some improvement to-day. The cold from which she has been suffering is gradually yielding to treatment.

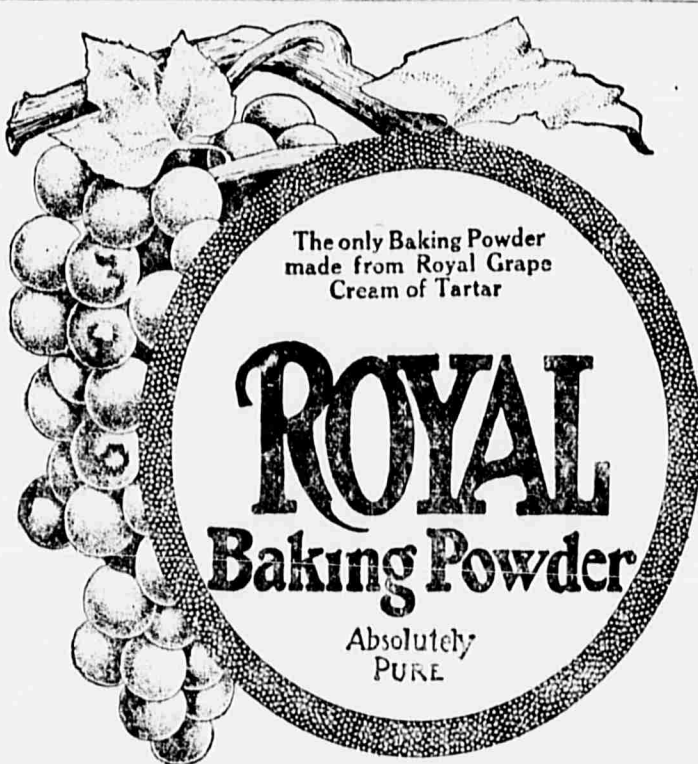
### THEATRE BURNS; TWO HELD.

NEW ORLEANS, March 3.—Charles Rouff, manager of the French Novelty Company, and C. A. McAllister, manager of the Empire Theatre, were arrested late last night on the charge of arson, following an investigation by the police of a fire which occurred last night in a building on Canal street occupied by those two establishments.

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